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SUBJECT: CONSULAR EMPLOYEES PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR

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1. CONGEN NOMINATES FOLLOWING THREE PARTICIPANTS FOR SEMINAR  
IN RANKED ORDER:

2. TAO, SHENG SHAO (FRED), BORN MAY 7, 1922 AT SHANGHAI, CHINA.  
HE IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND DRAFTS OWN LETTERS, CABLES AND  
MEMORANDA. HE HAS WORKED AT CONGEN 31 YEARS. TAO IS SENIOR  
CONSULAR SPECIALIST, WHOSE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS ARE CITIZENSHIP  
ADJUDICATION, PASSPORT SERVICES, AND SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES,  
PARTICULARLY PROTECTION. HE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED CITIZENSHIP  
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE C-530 AND HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS  
EXPERIENCE IN CONSULAR WORK. CITIZENSHIP CASES AT HONG KONG  
ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING GIVEN LACK OF  
DOCUMENTATION, STRONG POTENTIAL OF FRAUD AND CLAIMANTS INABILITY  
OFTEN TO PRESENT ANY STRONG SECONDARY EVIDENCE. WHILE VOLUME  
OF PROTECTION WORK IS NOT AS HEAVY, IT IS COMPLEX  
SINCE HONG KONG IS TRANSIT POINT FOR MANY TOURISTS  
AND REPATRIATION CASES ARE INCREASING. TAO IS SENIOR  
FSL EMPLOYEE IN AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICES UNIT, WHICH  
NOT ONLY HANDLES CITIZENSHIP/PASSPORTS AND PROTECTION  
MATTERS, BUT ALSO SEAMEN/SHIPPING, NOTARIALS AND FEDERAL  
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BENEFITS. HE WOULD BE ABLE IMPART HIS EXPERIENCE AND  
KNOWLEDGE GAINED AT SEMINAR TO OTHER FSL EMPLOYEES IN UNIT,  
FURTHER INCREASING THEIR EXPERTISE AND MOTIVATION.

3. LUI, KWOK CHIU, BORN MARCH 25, 1923 IN HONG KONG. HE  
IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND DRAFTS OWN MEMORANDA AND LETTERS  
IN CONNECTION WITH IMMIGRANT VISA CASES. HE HAS BEEN

EMPLOYED AT CONGEN 22 YEARS. LUI IS IMMIGRANT VISA SPECIALIST, WHO ADVISES APPLICANTS AND PETITIONERS ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED, HAS PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING IV INQUIRIES, ASSISTS IN WAIVER APPLICATIONS AND COORDINATES AS NECESSARY WITH DIFFERENT UNITS, INCLUDING INS. HE HAS OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN CONSULAR WORK AND ADVISES FSL COLLEAGUES ON LAW AND REGULATIONS. OF VARIOUS CONSULAR FUNCTIONS AT THIS POST, IMMIGRANT VISA WORK IS GREATEST IN VOLUME (IN FY 1976 HONG KONG WAS FOURTH LARGEST ISSUING POST BY VOLUME OF ANY IN WORLD) AND RIVALS CITIZENSHIP ADJUDICATIONS IN COMPLEXITY. LUI IS SECOND SENIOR FSL EMPLOYEE IN VISA SECTION AND HOLDS KEY POSITION. HIS PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR WOULD BENEFIT NOT ONLY HIM, BUT SECTION AS WHOLE SINCE HE WOULD ALSO BRIEF BOTH OFFICERS AND VISA EMPLOYEES UPON RETURN.

4. IU, SEE CHUNG, JACOB, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014] IN HONG KONG. HE IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND DRAFTS OWN MEMORANDA AND LETTERS AS NECESSARY. HE HAS WORKED AT CONGEN FOR 12 YEARS. IU IS PRESENTLY DOCUMENTS CHECKER. HE COMPLETED VISA CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN 1977 WITH AVERAGE SCORE OF 92. HE HAS BEEN IN CONSULAR SECTION SINCE JOINING CONGEN. WHILE IU DOES NOT HAVE SAME EXPERIENCE AS TAO AND LUI, HE IS BEING NOMINATED SINCE HE IS CLEARLY A "COMMER." INTELLIGENT AND INDUSTRIOUS, UNCLASSIFIED

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HE SHOULD RISE TO TOP IN CONSULAR SECTION IN FUTURE AND PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR WOULD INCREASE HIS POTENTIAL.

5. COST OF AIR FARE FROM HONG KONG TO WASHDC AND RETURN (PANAM) IS \$1,505 PLUS \$3 AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX FOR TOTAL OF \$1,508. SHOESMITH

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